



Match Report

Opponent: Air Force Academy

Date: 6 Oct 06

A Match: Navy 27 Air Force 9

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The Naval Academy and Air Force Academy squared off on the pitch for the first service academy game of the year. Navy played uphill and into the wind in the first half, but that had no effect on the Midshipmen, as they controlled the first half of the game by out scoring their Zoomie counterparts 24-10. Navy team captain, Blake Lindsay, led the charge. The Naval Academy dominated early, by winning every scrum, including Air forces', by winning all but one line-out, and by heavily mauling the Zoomie forwards. Unfortunately the tides turned in the second half. The Naval Academy midshipmen began to beat themselves. They allowed the Air Force cadets to dominate the midshipmen's line-outs. Navy missed two penalty kicks in the second half, along with giving up 14 points. The fatigue of travel and the thin air began to show in the play of Navy. The Air force cadets tied it up at 24 apiece at the 35 minute mark. It seemed that with possibility of an upset in the air the Navy midshipmen rallied and pulled upon their inner strength to

mount one last attack and take the lead by 7 at the 78 minute mark. Then from out of the blue an Air force back made a break away as time expired and broke through 14 members of Navy's defense only to be stopped by 1/C Paul Bailey in a one on one open field tackle which allowed the midshipmen to poach the ball and kick it out of bounds ending the game.